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In re Patent Application of:  
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AMPLIFICATION

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: M. Baughman

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the non-final Office Action dated December 13, 2007, for which a response is due on January 13, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.